

SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES OF MEETING, Thursday, May 13, 2021
Approved July 8, 2021

In conformity with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this meeting was conducted online and telephonically.

Members: Jeanette Capaldi (Vice-Chair), Laine Caspi (Secretary), Richard Fisk, Larry Fleck (Treasurer), Wayde Hunter (Chair & TAC Rep), Debbie Pietraszko (Parliamentarian) and Dr. Donna Zero.

A. Call to Order, Roll Call by Notetaker, and Approval of March 11, 2021 Minutes (Chair).

This meeting of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee (SCL-CAC) was called to order at 3:01 p.m. on May 13, 2021, online by Chair, Wayde Hunter. He recognized and thanked Laine Caspi for hosting the CAC meetings since March 2020. Roll Call was taken by Mr. Hunter. Five of the seven Committee Members were present: Jeanette Capaldi, Laine Caspi, Richard Fisk, Wayde Hunter and Dr. Donna Zero. Absent: Larry Fleck and Debbie Pietraszko. A quorum of at least five Committee Members was present. Two Committee Member openings were available. Landfill and government representatives present: BFI/Republic Services: Chris Coyle; SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District): Larry Israel; SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): Dave Thompson; Public Health Dept.: none; L.A. County Public Works Dept.: Martins Aiyetiwa; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Edgar De La Torre; L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger’s Office: Jason Maruca; L.A. City Councilman John Lee’s Office: Sharon Bronson; L.A. City Planning Dept.: Devon Zatorski; LAUSD District 3: Bill Piazza. Also attended: approximately 10 residents and other guests. A Balance Sheet, Reconciliation Detail and other related SCL-CAC and Landfill documents were available at <https://scl-cac.org/2021/03/scl-cac-virtual-meeting-march-11-2021> and slides were shown.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Fisk): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its March 11, 2021 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Old Business: Discussion and Committee motions & possible action:

- Outstanding administrative matters (Chair/Vice Chair).

Mr. Hunter indicated that there were none, however, he commended and thanked Ms. Capaldi for her efforts in attending meetings given a family medical issue.

- Treasurer’s Report, March 2021 – April 2021 (Treasurer).

Mr. Hunter reviewed finances. The Business Checking Account for Expenses beginning balance was \$9,344.64, with expenditures of \$220.00 for January 2021 Minutes, and an ending balance of \$9,124.64. The Business Savings Account for Consultants’ beginning balance was \$107,506.26, with income interest of \$1.88, and an ending balance of \$107,508.14. The Business Checking Account for Consultants beginning balance was \$4,696.63, with a deposit of \$3,400.00 (Republic funding received in February), and an ending balance of \$8,096.63. The beginning and ending balances for Petty Cash at \$100.00 and the Other Assets account at \$682.00 both remained unchanged. The beginning balance of all accounts as of 03/01/2021 was \$122,329.53 and the ending balance as of 4/30/2021 was \$125,511.41.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, and seconded): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the March - April, 2021 Treasurer’s Report as presented.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. New Business. Discussion and possible Committee motions & action to address the following:

- 1. Browning-Ferris Industries/Republic Services Inc. (BFI/Republic)** to report on any and all Sunshine Canyon Landfill daily activities, state of infrastructure/gas collection system, notable events, current and future disposal operations, including continuing efforts to abate odors.

Chris Coyle, General Manager, BFI/Republic [24-hour Landfill hotline 818-779-9170; main 818-362-2124; Info@SunshineCanyonLandfill.com; <http://SunshineCanyonLandfill.com>], gave an SCL “Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Update.”

Operations:

He reported “that there were no changes to the Landfill’s disposal operation or location, and they continue to utilize cell CC-4. They continue to use the Enviro-Cover for ADC and monitor its performance daily.”

Construction:

“It has been a real dry winter. We are barely at 6:00-inches for the season. The forecasts keep saying we are going to get some drizzles, but they never materialize, and we have had morning fogs like we have today, which is great for dust control. We have dressed up the site since the rain event and every thing looks good. We are now in the mode of preparing our Stormwater Plan activities that will occur over the summer and getting the proper controls in place for the following wet season. They have relocated the LEA Building out of where the new

cell is going to go. It is now where they located the Administration Building last year, which is on the old City North landfill. They are in the design phase of the relocating the Maintenance Facilities, and that move will be coming soon as it is also in the (new cell) waste footprint. The Landfill received an April 1st Odor Notice of Violation, the first for 2021. We continue our increased odor patrols and are actively managing the working face to reduce or eliminate the potential for odors to impact the neighborhood. We have two new people, Aimee and William, who are patrolling the neighborhood on a daily basis. They are in full uniform, and they are there to listen, and they are not there to engage. The winds have settled down and are now blowing favorably, more often than not, which I'm sure we're all happy to hear about. He said that they have made great strides in cleaning up all the on-site litter from the heavy wind season, however some of it is unsafe to collect at this time. It is on-site and we monitor for any off-site migration. We will continuously collect the litter as it is safe to do so."

Mr. Coyle said that they "have started to enhance their ability to collect landfill gas. Since the beginning of this year, 29 of the first 45 vertical wells slated for installation during this first phase of construction have been completed. Another separate contract team has completed the first phase of horizontal collectors in the active part of CC4 Part 3 and construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of May, weather permitting, at which time the new wells will be evaluated for liquids and outfitted with pumps or force mains, if necessary. The next phase (Phase II) of vertical well installation for 2021 which includes 12 wells, has been designed, and will be scheduled to begin once Phase I construction is complete. We continue to move through the permitting process for the installation of Flare 12 with an expected install completion target of 2021, pending approvals. We began placing waste in the new cell CC4 part A on 11/16/2020. We have been back in the new cell for the last couple of weeks and are aggressively filling it. We will have covered one of the two gabions in the cell with waste by the end of this week. This will allow for us to have sufficient gas collection immediately in the new cell waste."

"The permitting process continues for the Flare 12 installation with a 2021 expected completion, pending approvals. They continue working the County on soil importation. The soil is needed for an odor control and landfill buttressing project for the toe berm, which has been in the Joint Technical Document since inception of the joint City/County Landfill. We continue to work the County on the framework for importation of soil. The County recognizes the need, however, it will be lower than the initial requested tonnage, so we will have to do a submittal. We are working through those details now. As a reminder, the soil is needed for an odor control and landfill buttressing project for the toe berm which has been in the JTD since inception of the joint City/County Landfill. This completes my update."

Mr. Hunter asked if it were possible to get a sketch (drawing/layout) of where the LEA building was going to, as he remembers that all of the facilities were going to be located on the north of the landfill adjacent to the I-5 Freeway, and that the LEA

building relocation that Chris had described did not seem to be that. Mr. Coyle stated that “the buildings were where they were supposed to be”, to which Mr. Hunter said that he did not disagree, but that he did not have a picture in his mind as to the new layout and that even a rough sketch would do. Mr. Coyle agreed that he would provide a sketch for the next meeting.

Mr. Hunter noted that Chris had provided an update on the soil importation, and that Martins (Aiyetewa) was here today to address any comments that Public Works may have, although the subject was covered extensively at the previous meeting (SCL-CAC March 2021), he did not know if there was anything to report. Mr. Coyle stated that “there was no update, that they had talked to Mr. Aiyetewa and that the County wanted City concurrence, which he was now working on and then he would resubmit the request with changes that would present a more up-to-date, and accurate request for the County Public Works to review before they approve.” Mr. Hunter said that he brought up the subject since Mr. Coyle had indicated that he needed to leave early (by 4 p.m.), and that he might call up Mr. Aiyetewa early if necessary in order to give Chris a chance to comment before he left.

2. **South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)** to report on odor complaints received and NOVs issued including any year-to-date charts, frequency of Inspector response to reports, and any other matters within their purview.

Mr. Hunter reminded attendees that all of the AQMD reports were available on the scl-cac.org website. Larry Israel, Compliance Lead Inspector, SCAQMD [909-396-2370; LIsrael@aqmd.gov; www.aqmd.gov], reported that “since the last CAC meeting in March 2021, that in the month of March, that the AQMD received only 3 odor complaints, none of which were verified. On April 1, 2021, the AQMD received 8 odor complaints, of which 4 were in the morning which were verified as trash odors in the Granada Hills area which were all verified as landfill gas odors. At the evening, starting around 8 p.m., the AQMD received 4 more complaints from the Legends Cascade complex in Sylmar which were verified as landfill gas, and this did result in a nuisance violation (Notice of Violation).”

“There was a total of 22 odor complaints for the month of April.... 4 complaints received on April 8th, 3 of which were verified in the Granada Hills area. We had an additional 4 complaints received from the Legends Cascade complex in Sylmar the next day on the 9th, but they were not verified. For the rest of April, we received on the 19th in Granada Hills, 1 on the 20th from the Legends in Sylmar, 1 on the 25th from Granada Hills and on the 30th, and none of those were verified. So far, in the month of May we have not received any odor complaints.” He concluded his report stating that “he will be conducting the Title V inspections next week starting with the power plant (gas-to-energy).”

Mr. Hunter stated “that from your report, that you had a mixture of trash and landfill gas on April 1st was it tracked down to anything in particular or was it just general operations?” Mr. Israel said that he “cannot not speak for the gas odors in the evening hours because the landfill was closed at the time that the complaints were received. During the morning hours, there was some horizontal trenching that was going on, and there were unfavorable wind conditions, meaning the wind conditions were less than 5 mph from the northwest to the southeast. The areas that I noticed the trash odors in Granada Hills specifically, were Canyon Ridge, and over by Tennyson Place which by Bee Canyon Park... So, those seem to be the two areas where I was receiving complaints about, but those were trash odors and there was a large working face in a very exposed area of Cell CC3 part 3, and they were also doing horizontal trenching at the same time. So, there was a lot of activity going on that may have contributed to the daytime odor complaints. He agreed with Mr. Hunter’s statement that was what the one NOV was issued for that day (April 1st).”

3. Sunshine Canyon Landfill-Local Enforcement Agency (SCL-LEA) to report on any SCL matters within their purview.

Dave Thompson, SCL-LEA Program Manager [213.252.3932; David.Thompson@lacity.org; www.SCLLEA.org] reported that “since the last CAC meeting (March 2021) we have not had any violations at the site. We continue to do daily monitoring at the site, continue to work with landfill management on picking up litter on-site and making sure none of it goes off-site. As Chris said we have moved the LEA office and are now located near the Administration building which is close to the 500-foot setback. We will be having our Board of Directors Meeting on May 27, 2021, at 2:30 p.m.... a virtual meeting; the agenda will be posted on scl.lea.org website, and I will be passing a copy along to Wayde for distribution, and that concludes my report.”

Mr. Hunter indicated that he was now going to take Item C. 5 out of order rather than C. 4., if there were no objections.

4. Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to discuss actions taken to elicit responses to the CAC’s Request for Proposal to Review/Evaluate Air Quality Data from the 11th Annual Ambient Air Monitoring Reports for SCL & Van Gogh School. Motion (if necessary): move to Item F. for further discussion.

Bill Piazza, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, LAUSD Ofc. of Environmental Health & Safety (OHS) [213.241.3926; Bill.Piazza@lausd.net], stated that “he did not have anything new, but had some questions from the previous meeting given that there was the STI contract renewal, a new scope of work in which the CAC had provided input to, and that the CAC is still looking for feedback from the City on the forty (qualified) firms that might be potentially interested in the CAC’s RFP,” asking either the City or Devon Zatorski to respond.

Devon Zatorski, Planner, L.A. City Planning Dept. (818-374-5046; Devon.Zatorski@LACity.org; www.planning.LACity.org), reported that: “as to the STI contract, that Scope of Work that you provided us, we are still looking at that, but it wouldn’t have affected the extension with the STI contract extension but we are looking at the (CAC SOW) comments..... ... we haven’t made any new progress on it but we are working on it and we will let you know what we add in from your comments for the new RFP . . . I have the consultant’s list and it is with the City Attorney, confirming that we are good to send it to you. . . Mr. Piazza inquired whether the list is from BAVN (Business Assistance Virtual Network) to which Ms. Zatorski replied that “it was, and that it’s all pretty much public information.” ... Mr. Piazza asked, “if there would be an introductory letter from the City saying that the CAC engaged the City to help us find a qualified consultant to help us?” Ms. Zatorski said that “she would check with the City Attorney who does all of our general contracts and see if he can provide some language on that.”

Mr. Piazza and Mr. Hunter closed by rehashing the previous statements, and both agreed that progress was being made, and that it has been established that the CAC would be given an opportunity to review the RFP before it goes out. Ms. Zatorski said for the record and for clarification, that “she had talked to the City Attorney, we will share that information with you, we can have a conversation, we just can’t give you the whole RFP document before it is released.... I can tell you what is in it, but I can’t share the entire document with you before it is released.” Mr. Piazza said we only needed the pertinent sections that relate to the Scope of Work, and there would be other things in the RPF that we don’t need and should be redacted.

5. **County Public Works** to report on the status of Republic’s ongoing and changing request(s) to import up to 10,000 tons/day of soil for the next 18 years in addition to their approved 12,100 tons/day of MSW and recyclables, and any other SCL matters within their purview. This Item was taken out of order prior to C. 4.

Martins Aiyetiwa, Civil Engineer, L.A. County Department of Public Works [626-458-3553; MAiyet@dpw.LACounty.gov], stated that “as Chris has indicated (under Item C. 1), there has been no development since the last (CAC) meeting. Public Works is waiting for Republic Services to brief the City on what the proposal is and for Republic to resubmit it back to us. We will be granting the approval of the project for 2,500 tons per day. Chris is right on point... that is where we are.”

Mr. Coyle offered clarification saying that “we have briefed the City Building & Safety, and we are going through getting grading permits. It’s a 5-phase project... they (County Public Works) are absolutely aware of this. I believe we are picking up our grading permits for (phase) 1 & 2 today... we are making progress... we should have confirmation within hours or a day or two, that we feel comfortable it will satisfy the County... we have our resubmittal drafted..... ... so, any day now, the County should have something to reconsider.”

Mr. Hunter asked Mr. Aiyetewa if he had heard correctly that it was a 2,500 tons per day approval, and if so did it fall within the 12,100 tons per day (permitted). Mr. Aiyetewa confirmed that he was correct and indicated that they had also looked at whether or not Republic had adequate material to complete the project. Mr. Hunter further stated that he had not received the requested information from Public Works in his email which related to the latest proposal, and it would have been nice to know about the tonnage. Mr. Coyle stated that Republic has to resubmit, and any information that we talk about today might not be relevant. Mr. Hunter stated that if the 12,100 tons per day was not being exceeded that he was not having an issue... period. Mr. Aiyetewa stated that Republic is the best source, as Public Works only reviews what Republic submits to them.

6. County Regional Planning Department to report SCL matters within their purview.

Edgar De La Torre, Zoning Enforcement Planner, L.A. County Regional Planning Dept. [213-974-6453; EDeLaTorre@planning.LACounty.gov; <http://planning.LACounty.gov>], reported that “we continue to do our monthly site visits . . . they are working on the litter issue. there’s been great progress . . . we haven’t found any issues to report.” Mr. Hunter asked if they (CRP) do a separate inspection tour from the LEA and do they file any reports. Mr. De La Torre replied that we do our inspection with the 3rd party Monitor, and he agreed with Mr. Hunter that he would see their inspection reports within the Quarterly Reports.

Mr. Coyle stated that “CRP was out there today, along with Ultra Systems (3rd party Monitor) and that they were happy with it (landfill operations) about one or two hundred pictures will be taken, comments on things that need to be done that relate to those pictures, and then about two weeks later, there will be a follow up call with the County present and Ultra Systems staff present, Republic’s GM, operations staff and engineering, and they (CPR) prepare an agenda tied to the pictures and we go through it..... The meeting lasts about one hour.... Some things may be carried over that are not too bad or violations, and we (Republic) make an effort to have those things done by the next inspection. It is a very through process... you (Mr. Hunter) see it Quarterly, I see it monthly.”

Mr. Hunter stated that he was pleased and said he did not realize that it (the inspection process) was so extensive.... that he did not know everything and had learned something, and that this information would be included in the Minutes. Mr. Del La Torre stated in closing, that it was a very collaborative effort.

7. County Public Health Department to report on any SCL matters within their purview.

Mr. Hunter stated that “before we start, that he did send a copy of an email to the CAC Board, that he had sent to Charlene Contreras who is the Director of Toxic and Environmental Assessment with County Public Health who was referred to us

by Dee Hanson-Lugo to try to get some representative here.. I sent her information to try to bring her up to date, and what are current issues are. He then asked if there was anybody here that was representing County Public Health. No representative was present; there was no report.

In closing out this item, Mr. Hunter called on Edgar De La Torre since he had helped previously and expressed his frustration, saying that Ms. Contreras had responded positively and had asked if they could be of assistance, to which he said yes, and gave them a list of our current issues. However, they did not send anybody and asked if he could get help from the Supervisor's office.... Mr. De La Torre said he would pass it along.

8. City Planning Department to report on any SCL matters within their purview.

Ms. Zatorski had "nothing new to report," although she noted that there will be a TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) meeting on August 11th from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Mr. Hunter stated that he had held off sending anything out so as not to confuse the public with the SCL-LEA, SCL-TAC with our SCL-CAC meetings.

9. Other persons representing the City, County or State who wish to report any additional information or subject matter relating to SCL that is within their purview that has not been agendized for this meeting. If necessary, discussion and action will be agendized for another meeting.

There were no other reports at this time.

D. Committee Member and Public comments on items NOT on the Agenda.

There were no public comments at this time.

E. Set next meeting date (July 8, 2021), & adjourn by 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Hunter announced that the next Meeting, on July 8, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., probably will again be online.

F. Special Overtime Discussion of Budget, Banking & Financial Matters. Potential budget items FY 2021.

Mr. Hunter indicated that there was no more discussion.

Mr. Hunter declared and the Committee agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Note Taker (Minutes Writer). Edited by SCL-CAC. *The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been directly copied*

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